

THE TWO BRANCHES OF THE COUNCIL AT LOGGERHEADS.

Second Branch Favors The National Telephone Company's Ordinance While the Second Branch

DESIRES TO INVESTIGATE THE MERITS OF ALL THREE

Companies Asking the Privilege of Competing With the Bell-Second Branch Tables the Home and Citizens' Ordinances, and the First Branch Comes Back by Tabling the National Ordinance Until the Second Allows the Others to be Considered—Reconsideration in the Second Branch is Likely at the Next Meeting of Council—As the Situation Now is the First Branch Has the Whip hand. Many Business Men Were in Attendance.

The two branches of the city council are at loggerheads about the telephone situation.

The second branch is largely in favor of the ordinance of the National Telephone Company. At its last meeting it passed the National's ordinance by two-thirds majority, thus making it unnecessary to secure a second passage. Last night the branch tabled the ordinance of the Home Construction and Telephone Company and the Citizens' Telephone Company.

In the first branch, on the other hand, there appears to be a majority favoring the Home and Citizens' companies, and a minority of adherents of the National company. So far, in the first branch, there has been no vote indicating which of the two companies opposing the National is the stronger, and it remains to be seen whether one of the two has a majority of the branch. The test of strength came when it was learned in the first branch that the second had tabled the Home and Citizens' ordinances. Then Mr. Waterhouse introduced a resolution, tabling the National ordinance (which was up in the first branch after having been passed in the second) until such time as the second branch allows the ordinances of the other companies to come up for information as to the respective merits of the offers of the three companies. The motion was passed by the branch without a call for the ayes and nays. This ended the matter for a time, and the friends of the National were at a loss what to do, but finally, Mr. M. A. Chew, in the first branch, introduced a motion for reconsideration of the vote by which the Waterhouse resolution had passed. The vote on this motion (on which the ayes and nays were called) was 5 to 11 against it, which shows the National's strength in the branch to be five, and that of the two opposing companies combined eleven. Shortly after this motion was lost, the first branch adjourned, and the second followed suit.

As the situation now is, the first branch has the whip hand and by blocking action on the National's ordinance can compel the second branch to take some action on the ordinances of the Home and Citizens' companies other than tabling them. The argument of the first branch majority and of the second branch minority is that it is not courteous nor right to summarily table the ordinances of these companies without investigating the merits of the offers of all three companies before passing one. The probable result at the next meeting of council will be the taking of the Home and Citizens' companies' ordinances from the table in the second branch, a step that would be followed by giving them a hearing before council.

The meeting of the council was largely attended, a number of business men who are interested in the National, Home and Citizens' companies being prominent in the lobby.

The details of the meeting are given below.

The Telephones.

The ordinances of the Home and Citizens' Telephone companies were brought up in the second branch early in the evening. Mr. Healy moved to reject them; the chair ruled the motion out of order. Then Mr. Burke moved to table the ordinance of the Home Construction and Telephone Company. The roll was demanded. The vote resulted as follows:

Aye—Burke, Chew, Caldwell, Fox, Healy, Kindelberger, Kurtz, Maurer, Radcliffe, Ritter, Watson, Weisgerber, Zeigler; total, 13.

Nay—Beckett, Bradbury, Korn, Long, Maxwell; total, 5.

The Citizens' company's ordinance was then brought up on its second reading for amendment and debate. Mr. Healy moved to lay on the table. The vote was as follows:

Aye—Bradbury, Burke, Chew, Caldwell, Fox, Healy, Kindelberger, Kurtz, Maurer, Radcliffe, Ritter, Watson, Weisgerber, Zeigler; total, 14.

Nay—Beckett, Korn, Long, Maxwell; total, 4.

This ended the matter in the second branch. In the first branch the ordinance of the National Telephone Company, already passed by the second, was brought up for its second reading. At this juncture, Mr. Waterhouse introduced the following resolution, which was passed:

Whereas, there are now pending in the second branch of the council of the city of Wheeling, the ordinances of other telephone companies, one of which said companies is reported as making more advantageous offers and far lower rates to the citizens of Wheeling than the National Telephone Company, in its ordinance, now pending in this, the first branch of the Wheeling council; and

Whereas, it is impossible for this body, the first branch of council, to act wisely or intelligently in the premises until all the applicants for telephone franchises have been fully and fairly heard; therefore, be it

Resolved, That action on the ordinance of the National Telephone Company be postponed until other ordinances have been read one time for information, providing they pass second branch; then go back to regular order of business.

This left the two branches at loggerheads. The second had passed the National ordinance, and tabled the others; the first had declined to act on the National ordinance until the second allowed consideration of the Home and Citizens' ordinances. Then there was

much pulling of wires, with the result that there was an effort in the first branch to secure reconsideration of the vote by which the Waterhouse resolution had passed. Mr. Chew moved reconsideration. Another member demanded the ayes and nays.

Mr. Waterhouse, addressing the branch, said he didn't desire to discriminate in favor of any of the three companies applying for the franchise: in the Home and Citizens' companies were many Wheeling business men to whom he desired to extend consideration. He hoped the motion to reconsider would not pass.

Mr. Hamilton, of the Island, held the same opinion.

The Chew motion to reconsider was brought to vote and was defeated, 11 to 5, the vote being as follows:

Ayes—Chew, Knoke, McCormick, Schockey, Williams; total, 5.

Nay—Bachman, Baird, Beuter, Gartley, Hamilton, List, Meyer, Scalliey, Schmidt, Stroebel, Waterhouse; total, 11.

Mr. Stroebel inquired whether the first branch could take up the Home and Citizens' ordinances while they are tabled in the second branch.

"No, I think not," was the ruling of Mayor Sweeney.

"Then I move we adjourn," said Mr. Stroebel, and the motion went through with but one or two dissenting votes.

The second branch followed suit, and at 9 o'clock the meeting was a thing of the past.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

Council Hustles Through a Large Grist of Business.

In the second branch nineteen members answered to the roll call; President Maxwell in the chair. In the first branch Mayor Sweeney presided, and sixteen members were present.

City Clerk's Report.

The city clerk's report was read, as follows:

DEPARTMENTS.	Appropriations.	Expenditures.	Balance.
Board of public works	\$ 5,495 36	4,078 35	\$ 1,417 00
Fire department	9,250 00	5,138 23	4,111 77
Health department	5,575 00	1,718 19	3,856 81
Markets	548 75	357 75	191 00
Police	7,250 00	5,058 91	2,191 09
City prison	1,175 00	997 68	207 32
Scales and weighing	200 00	106 15	93 85
Real estate	625 00	278 31	346 69
Cemeteries	250 00	97 01	152 99
Salaries	3,079 50	1,943 80	1,135 70
Contingent expenses	12,504 00	11,327 07	1,176 93
City water board	29,026 90	9,274 16	19,752 74
City works	4,115 68	29,523 61	11,534 47
Collection of taxes	750 00	750 00	00 00
Totals	\$116,847 61	\$69,519 44	\$47,028 17

J. K. Hall, collector, paid to A. H. Forgy, receiver, the following amounts to March 27: 50-cent levy, \$6,212 15; 10-cent levy, \$1,145 15.

Bills Ordered Paid.

The following bills were ordered paid: Cemeteries \$ 33 25

Police 280 00

Total \$313 25

Against Air Guns.

The ordinance making it a municipal offense to use air guns, sling shots, etc., within the city limits, was passed.

Fort Henry Tablet.

The ordinance making it an offense to mark or deface the Fort Henry tablet, on Main street, was passed without opposition.

Cemetery Transfers.

The committee on cemeteries recommended the following Peninsular cemetery lot transfers: Sol Kraus to Charles F. Miller, sr.; Henry Manners to George Manners; Charles Loeffler to Kerb and Thurston; Mrs. B. Shanley, administratrix, to Painters' Union No. 91.

Liquor Licenses.

The committee on petitions and remonstrances reported favorably on the following liquor license applications: Austin Rhodes, from John Robrecht, 1222 Water street; Pabst Brewing Company, at 19 and 21 Thirty-third street. Council granted the licenses.

April Appropriation.

An appropriation ordinance for the month of April (one-twelfth of the expenditures of 1899) was passed in both branches without opposition.

The Fire Estimates.

The committee on fire department reported its estimate of \$37,940 for the department's expenditures in 1900. Referred to the committee on finance.

Petitions.

Citizens in Alley C, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets, asked for a sewer; referred to finance committee.

Citizens of Twenty-seventh street, between Jacob and Wood streets, asked for repaired curbs; referred to finance committee.

Telephone for the Mayor.

Mr. Weisgerber's resolution for a tel-

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ephone in the mayor's office, at \$15 per annum, was passed in the second branch. The first branch non-concurred. A conference committee was appointed but did not act last night.

City Commons Park.

In the first branch, Mr. M. A. Chew introduced a resolution for ascertaining the cost of fencing in the city commons on Wheeling hill, as a preliminary to utilizing the place for a public park.

The resolution was adopted. In explaining the matter, Mr. Chew said the movement had originated in the Twilight Club, before which Mr. Frank Stanton had read a paper on the feasibility of making this present spot of desolation and ugliness a place of beauty from Nature's point of view and a breathing spot for citizens. Members of the committee of the Twilight Club to which the campaign was entrusted, were present. The committee is composed of Messrs. S. L. Jepson, Henry M. Russell, C. A. Wingerter, Howard Hazlett and Frank Stanton. The committee's plan is to have the people of the city take an interest in the matter, and have trees planted this year. If council authorizes the proposed fence the idea is to have everybody excluded from the commons until the improvements have progressed beyond the embryonic state. The committee, further along, will propose that city workhouse prisoners be employed in grading the commons. The only expense will be the employment of a landscape gardener.

Market House Signs.

The markets committee reported favorably the application of W. L. Tanney for permission to place signs on the Second ward market house.

Damaged by the City.

The Caldwell resolution to appropriate \$1,000 to raise the houses of Isadore Hanger, on Twenty-ninth street, which are said to have been damaged by city improvements on Twenty-ninth street, was referred to the committee on finance.

To Use Natural Gas.

John Rainbow, of 1101 Charles street, was granted permission to use natural gas as an illuminant until city gas is piped to that part of the city.

Conference Committee.

The conference committee appointed at the last meeting of council, to bring the two branches together on the proposition of Mr. Healy to clear water board supplies from the lot opposite the Atlantic engine house, met, and referred the matter to the water board. In the event that the board can find another place for storing its pipe, council may authorize the use of the lot as Mr. Healy proposes, as a public park.

Caused by Jealousy.

ELKINS, W. Va., March 27.—A messenger from Gilman, a country station six miles from here, tells of a tragedy near there to-day. H. G. Frum, an old soldier and farmer, shot his wife twice at the home of a neighbor, and then went home and shot himself three times. One shot took effect in his mouth, lodging in his brain, from which he will die. His wife is expected to recover. The couple had parted two months ago and were reconciled on Monday. Jealousy was the cause.

A Peacock's Rapid Flight.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 27.—Alex. R. Peacock, vice president of the Carnegie Steel Company, chartered a special train over the Santa Fe route to-day, under an agreement to land him in Pittsburgh on Saturday next at noon. At that hour a meeting of the company is called, at which his presence is necessary. The special consists of an engine, the private car "Convoy" and an accommodation coach.

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GILL UNOPPOSED

Is the Programme for the Sixteenth Ohio Republicans.

CONVENTION IS TO BE HELD

In Bellaire's New Theatre Next Wednesday—The Convention is to Choose the District's Two Delegates to the National Republican Convention—Heinlein and Bradfield Are Mentioned.

Next Wednesday, in Bellaire's new theatre, the nominating convention of the Sixteenth Ohio Republicans, will be held, and it will be merely a formality, there being no opposition to the nomination of Congressman Joseph J. Gill, of Steubenville. The Bellaire committees are making extensive preparations for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The headquarters of the several delegations will be as follows: Jefferson, Windsor hotel; Monroe, Windsor hotel; Harrison, Anderson hotel; Carroll, Exchange hotel; Belmont, Globe hotel.

Of considerable interest is the selection by the convention of two delegates and two alternates to represent the Sixteenth district in the National Republican convention at Philadelphia. Belmont will get one of the delegates, and the Belmont delegation was chosen recently as supporters of Hon. J. C. Heinlein, of Bridgeport. Senator Archer was mentioned in the same connection, and the latest name mentioned is that of Mr. G. E. Bradfield, of Barnesville. The suggestion of Mr. Bradfield's name is meeting with considerable favor as his candidacy becomes known. He is one of these Republicans who never have asked, and never will ask for an office, yet is a Republican from principle, always giving freely of his time and money for the success of the party. Much warm sentiment attaches to his name from the fact that he is the intimate friend of President McKinley, and is the son-in-law of the veteran warrior, General William H. Gibson.

In the selection of delegates to the state Republican convention to date, attention has been given particularly to the line-up for secretary of state. The only other contest is that for food and dairy commissioner. Of the delegates selected so far friends of Commissioner Blackburn claim he has fully 90 per cent. The only real opponent of Mr. Blackburn in their estimation is ex-Senator Byron Lutz. Friends of Mr. Blackburn claim that with the result so far attained and the prospects in view Blackburn will be nominated on the first ballot.—Columbus Press-Post.

THE CASE STATED

By the Baltimore Representative of the National Telephone Company. Claims Part of the First Branch Opposition is Not Disinterested.

After council adjourned last night the Baltimore representative of the National Telephone Company said to an Intelligencer reporter:

"We regret the delay, but knowing, as we do, that our ordinance will be adopted we will go on with our preparations for putting in our telephone system. We know our ordinance will be adopted when it becomes fully understood that we are about to give Wheeling competition in the telephone business, and that our only substantial opposition is the Bell Telephone Company. Had the situation been fully understood to-night our ordinance would have been passed.

"The ordinances of the Home Telephone Company and of the Citizens' Telephone Company were fairly defeated in the second branch, but the situation was misunderstood and the first branch of council wanted to wait till all were before that branch. The fact is that the second branch, being against the two other applicants, the first branch of council is face to face with a condition that means the adoption of our ordinance or the perpetuation of the Bell Telephone Company's monopoly. We have been before this council time and again for about a year now, and know we have the Bell Telephone Company to fight, but the people will eventually have competition.

"We have definite information that the local manager of that company has been working for both the other companies' ordinances, and saw his employee working for them on the floor of the first branch.

"The pretense that the effort is to get a franchise in good faith will soon be fully understood, and every man who finds that his opposition to us is working to the end that the Bell monopoly is to be perpetuated will come to us, except the few members who are actually in favor of the Bell Telephone Company, and they will continue to masquerade as friends of other companies while they are really fighting for the Bell monopoly.

"We will proceed to get our contracts for subscribers and will go on with the effort in council till we succeed, and then we will promptly construct our system.

"When it is considered that the Bell Telephone Company can well afford to spend \$10,000 a year to defeat us, it can be seen that we have a hard fight on hand, but we understood this when we presented our ordinance.

"The competition will promptly compel a reduction of rates that will reduce the receipts of the Bell Telephone Company from \$50 to \$100 a day. Now you can understand why we are fighting hard—why its manager is fighting against us and for the other two applicants.

"I would not have you understand that I regard the members of the first branch, who voted against considering our ordinance to-night, as being against us. Many of them wanted to give the three ordinances a hearing, and will be for us when they come face to face with the question of adopting our ordinance or perpetuating the Bell monopoly. Of course, that company has a few friends in the first branch of council who will stick to it, but telephone competition in Wheeling is sure to come.

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RAILROADS.

Tariff managers predict that in the coming summer all records for the shipment of ore on the great lakes and from lake ports will be broken. It is estimated that the shipment will exceed 25,000,000 tons, of which amount the railroads expect to haul about 20,000,000 into Pittsburgh and Shenango valley points. The movement of the newly mined ore will be begun about May 1.

For several months the traffic managers of ore-shipping concerns have been devoting much of their energies toward arranging for transportation of ore, says the Chicago Record. F. T. Bentley, traffic manager for the Illinois Steel Company, has said that great demand for transportation facilities would not leave one vessel of 2,000-ton capacity available for general trade on the lakes next summer. All of the Illinois Steel Company's vessels have been chartered for the ore business, and many vessels that have been used for the shipment of grain heretofore will be used in the transportation of ore in the six months beginning May 1. Owing to the scarcity of vessels the railroads are expected to make tremendous east-bound shipments of grain in the navigation season. The ore shippers have caused the railroads to worry by ordaining that their vessels shall not be used in transporting coal on return trips to Chicago from the eastern ports. Not a minute of time, they say, can be wasted in properly handling the immense ore traffic. This condition of affairs may require the diversion of coal shipments from the rail lines to Erie, Ashtabula, Cleveland and Fairport to the railroads running to Chicago, and may give the Pittsburgh lines the heaviest traffic they ever have handled between the Smoky City and Chicago.

Last year the ore shippers handled approximately 18,000,000 tons, of which more than 14,000,000 tons were transferred from lake ports to Pittsburgh. A little figuring will show the immensity of the traffic to be handled next summer. About 360,000 cars of fifty tons each, which are equivalent to 6,000 trains of sixty cars each, will be required to carry out the present plans. Besides the great amount of newly-mined ore to be handled, many millions of tons of ore from last year's stock that now are on the docks will have to be moved. The furnace owners of the east expect to have nearly all the ore at hand before cold weather begins.

B. & O. Automobiles.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has established an electric automobile service at Washington, D. C., in connection with its train service, being the first railroad to introduce this mode of transportation regularly to and from its railway station.

The automobiles are of the latest electric pattern, absolutely noiseless in regard to machinery and running gear. They are provided with luxuriously deep cushioned seats, with electric lights and time pieces. Two small trunks can be carried on the supports at the rear of the vehicle, and the top of the cab provides ample room for small traveling bags and hand luggage.

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Interesting W. & L. E. Gossip.

The discussion of the possibilities of the Columbus, Sandusky & Hooking falling into the hands of the Wheeling & Lake Erie has brought out several interesting rumors, says the Cleveland Leader. These do not go very far toward establishing the truth of the rumors spoken of, but they go a good way toward establishing the belief that the Wheeling, as an independent piece of property, has a very short life ahead of it.

The story that the Short Line is to fall into the hands of the Wheeling is not believed, on several grounds. It was said in the first place, that the story came from a reliable source, and it seems that it must have, if Washington Connors had anything to do with the promulgation of the rumor. This is not generally believed, however. It is not believed that the Wheeling cares to take under its wing any more roads on which the earnings are not sure of being equal or even superior to the expenses. The Wheeling has had a hard struggle of it in a financial way, and is just now getting on its feet again, where it will be able to look the world in the face as a self-supporting and dividend paying piece of property.

On this ground, it is not believed that the owners of it have any desire to take into their fold a road which might break this record and destroy the fair prospects of the newly organized road. Another reason why the owners of the Wheeling might hesitate in taking in the Short Line is that the advantage to be gained by such a purchase would not be material. The Short Line drains a coal field to which the Wheeling is much nearer at Zanesville, or even Navarre, than it would be at Bellevue, where the C. & H. would make its connection with the Wheeling.

Practically the only advantage to be gained by an absorption of the Short Line would be the outlet into the coal fields. The long haul over the new road would do away with a great deal of whatever profit might arise therefrom. As to the passenger and general freight business, the Short Line does

not drain a territory that would be of material advantage to the Wheeling. The principal place touched is Columbus, and this is entered over a section of the Ohio Central, with which the Short Line has a traffic management. Then the road makes a connection with Columbus from the south over the same road.

The C. & H. enters Zanesville, but this would be no material advantage, as the Wheeling already has a line in there, or will have when the Concho Southern is rebuilt. Then the Short Line ends at Shawnee, near which the Wheeling will soon go by means of its connection with the Zanesville & Ohio, with which an alliance is about to be made. The possibilities seem to be, therefore, that the Short Line will be left to the Morgans to complete the trio of Ohio coal roads, and the Wheeling will work out its destiny along other lines.

Now comes another and interesting rumor. This is to the effect that the Wheeling is soon to be a portion of a very important system. The rumor is that it is to effect a combination with the Baltimore & Ohio is discarded, and it is said that the Wabash has designs on this road. This story is not as yet generally accepted, but it has been talked of a good deal among the various houses that now control railroad affairs in this section.

AMUSEMENTS.

Miss Gertrude Coghlan and a splendid company, in presenting "Lady Flora," by Charles Coghlan, give to the stage a wholesome story of purity and love. It shows how love brings happiness and how this beautiful country girl of tide sacrifices a young lord for a poor tuis, because he is a man of artistic temperament, who can affiliate with her simple quiet life, which is full of sentiment. The characters are well drawn, and an object lesson is to be learned from an entertainment of this kind. A duke, lords, ladies, an artist, a servant and a young girl from India, with her native servant, are the characters in this bright literary play. In London "Lady Flora" enjoyed a run of one hundred nights. It will be seen at the Opera House Saturday, March 31, matinee and night.

"The Dairy Farm."

"The Dairy Farm," says a noted critic, is quaint, home-like and rustic to a degree. It portrays human emotions, and teaches the lesson that sternness and self-assumed infallibility are ill-placed feelings in human breasts. Miss Eleanor Merron, the authoress of the play, has alienated that part that is so prominent in the rural drama, where the villain always betrays some more or less innocent country girl. This feature is absent from "The Dairy Farm" and the audience leaves the theatre with a better feeling after the play because of this omission. This dramatic treat is offered as the Opera House attraction on Thursday and Friday night of this week.

McCauley-Patton Company.

Two large audiences saw the McCauley-Patton Company at the Grand yesterday in very strong plays—"Hard Kink" at the matinee and "The Two Sisters" at night. Both were presented in an excellent manner. Mr. Patton work being particularly pleasing. The specialties were received with rounds of applause, and the performers were compelled to respond to frequent encore. To-day two strong bills are offered, both from the pen of Mr. Patton. This afternoon "Mr. Hurkley Adventures" will be presented, and to-night "The Minister's Son."

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